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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 95 million eggs during November, down 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 73 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,312,000 birds, down 6 percent from 4,583,000 a year ago. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,203 eggs, compared with 2,117 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 970 million were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2010 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,232 eggs, down slightly from November 2009.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES

During the month of November, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.1 million chicks, down 1 percent from last year's 19.3 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2010 totaled 741 million, up 5 percent from November 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 638 million on December 1, 2010, up 1 percent from a year earlier.